

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please **replace** the paragraph at page 12, lines 20-23 (paragraph 0101 of U.S. Patent Publication 20040017743), with the following replacement paragraph:

As shown in FIG. 6B, the lower the pit level L_p is and the higher the pit ~~ratio~~ ratio is, the ~~more increased~~ more decreased the spherical aberration. ~~Both of a~~ A position at which the pit ratio is maximized and ~~[[at]]~~ a position at which the spherical aberration is approximately minimized coincide with each other.